



Richmond County Soldiers

Lt. F. B. Garrett's address now is "Evacuation Hospital No. 7, American Exp. Forces, France."

Maj. George Everett, of the 58th regu-lars, who went across three months ago, is now doing important mathematical work on a divisional staff.

Arthur Capell, of Co. F, 6th infantry, writes home that his regiment passed in review before General Pershing a few weeks ago and it was presented with a flag as being the best drilled regiment overseas.

The fourth officers' training school, of which G. G. Simpson is a member, was two weeks ago transferred from Camp Sevier to Camp Gordon, due to the fact that most of the instructors were sent across in the 81st division.

Remember Spark's circus? It winters at Salisbury, and just now is winding up its tour through Wisconsin, and will then start south. The circus has sent 42 of its employees to the army, and so its service flag carries 42 stars.

Mr. John Bryant, of Roberdel No. 2, received a letter a few days ago from his son, John, Jr., in France requesting that he draw out \$50 from his savings account and send him, as he intended marrying across the seas. Mr. Bryant did as requested.

Allison Page who several weeks ago was reported as being wounded in action in France, was instead killed in action. Confirmation of his death was received by his mother in Aberdeen this week. His father, Capt. Frank Page, is also in France, in railway maintenance work.

Walter Covington left Sunday for Charleston to report for service at the Naval Training Station. He was enrolled at Wilmington a month ago and has been at home here since then awaiting orders to report. He is in Co. 7, Sec. 2, 4th regiment, Naval Training Station.

Walter E. Warburton left Sunday for training at the Naval Training Station at Charleston. He is a son of D. S. Warburton, who came to this country from England in 1879. Walter will not be 21 until October 13th, and yet felt he could no longer remain out of the service. For several years he was on the mechanical force of the old Post, but for the past several years has been W. R. Smith's job shop foreman. He is in Co. G, Sec. 4, 4th regiment.

Boykin Paschal, son of Mrs. J. W. Leak, received his commission as second lieutenant July 18th. He is seeing active service in France, and a letter from him written June 25th stated that he was then on his way to the front line trenches. A later letter written July 4th said he had just returned from the front line, feeling dirty and tired; but was ready to return, rest or no rest. He says the men have to "read" their shirts before going to sleep; the cooties are unpleasant company. He feels the front line is not so dangerous as commonly supposed; a fellow must think and act quickly—and he intends doing both. He is in Co. I, 327th infantry.

The 316th field artillery of the 81st division, which is now probably enroute across the water, has quite a number of Richmond county boys: Robert Stansill, David Easterling, John C. McDonald and several others. McDonald is a son of County Commissioner Neill D. McDonald and was sent to Camp Jackson last September in the very increment. He has been at Camp Jackson ever since in the f. a. McDonald's captain is Bob Winston, a young lawyer, of Raleigh. Winston, by the way, is a ten-second man—but his speed can be counted on to carry him towards the enemy rather than away.

Lt. Carl W. Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with his father here. Carl is in the 4th Replacement regiment at Camp Gordon, near Atlanta. He is anxious to be sent across, but of course has no idea when that will be.

His father, ex-sheriff J. M. Smith, is in better health just now. The sheriff was sick for nine weeks with something like indigestion, and as soon as able went to visit his daughter at Greenville, where he spent a month; he returned home three weeks ago, and once more pleasantly greets his friends on the streets, his "eyes" being his faithful servant, Charlie. Mr. Smith was sheriff of Richmond county for 14 years, from 1882 to 1898, with one term omitted. He was also editor of the old Anglo-Saxon many years ago, and he and Billy Covington established the Piedmont Dispatch three years ago, which later was sold to Charles Russell and in turn sold to I. S. London who consolidated it with the Post into the present "Post-Dispatch."

Dr. F. J. Garrett received a card Monday stating that Grady Garrett had arrived safely over yonder.

Starling Steadman Gibson, who was sent to Camp Jackson Oct. 17, 1917, is now at Camp Mills awaiting embarkation. He is in 316th F. A. Battery D.

William C. Mathis, who went in the squad of six to Camp Hancock, Ga., July 22nd, is in Co. 6, Recruit Receiving Depot. He writes the paper that he likes his new life, and is determined to perform his duty the very best he can.

A card was received by Mrs. C. M. Hobbs Tuesday stating that her nephew, Dr. J. M. Covington, of Wadesboro, had arrived safely overseas. He is a Captain in the California Base Hospital No. 35, American Exp. Forces.

Another soldier-subscriber who has a keen interest in the happenings back home is R. B. Dawkins, who is in 1st Company, 1st division, 156th Depot Brigade, Camp Jackson. Dawkins sent in a year's subscription Saturday.

The Red Cross Canteen has received a letter from Sergeant C. L. Baker, 710 West Race St., Seacey, Arkansas, stating that in passing through Hamlet on a troop train recently he found a purse in the switch yards. The owner of same by proper identification can get it.

Sergeant Ralph P. Mattox has arrived safely overseas, a card to this effect reaching his aunt, Mrs. John S. Ledbetter, Monday. Mattox attended school here several years ago, and stayed with Mrs. Ledbetter. He entered the service from Savannah, and is in Battery F, 61st artillery C. A. C.

Cole Nichols writes from Camp Mills to send his paper over yonder, as he is "gone from here." He is in Co. C, 324th infan-try, 81st division. Cards will likely be arriving in a few days stating that the "old soldier" boys have arrived safely across. Richmond county has probably 125 to 150 men in this 81st division.

Sergeant L. W. Turner spent from Monday to tonight with his father, W. M. Turner, in Beaver Dam. Turner lacked only two days of being without the draft; he had to register June 5th, 1917, and he would have been 31 June 7th. On July 28th he volunteered and since August 25th has been at Camp Taylor, Ky., in the Quartermasters Corps.

Julian C. Burroughs' address is "Sanitary Detachment, 316th F. A., 81st division, Camp Mills, N. Y." Or rather, that was his address during the past few days. Probably by now he has started across. His address over yonder will be the same as above, omitting Camp Mills and adding "American Exp. Forces, France." His wife is now in Charlotte doing stenographic work for the Southern Express Co.

Ozmer L. Henry, an attorney of Rocking-ham, was placed in Class 5 on account of his eyesight. However, he determined that this should not bar him from doing his bit; and so he signed up for Y. M. C. A. work. For some months he has performed important work at "Y" headquarters in New York; and now he has applied for a transfer to similar service in France. He expects to be across within 30 days.

Dr. Jas. H. Ellerbe, a dentist of Rocking-ham, last fall put in his application for admission into the dental reserve corps; he received his commission Sept. 7th, 1917, and was allowed to continue his practice until called. This call was received last Monday, a telegram from Washington ordering him to report at Camp Jackson on or about August 10th. Accordingly, Lt. Ellerbe will leave Rocking-ham Saturday for Jackson to do active service for his Uncle Samuel.

On July 30 three limited service men went to Syracuse, N. Y. These were Wm. K. McNeill, Wm. F. Baldwin and Pat Yates. A card from McNeill received Wednesday stated that they were in camp near the New York State Fair Grounds, and to the north and east could be seen the Oneida Lake. He said they were kept busy Aug. 4th with a pick and shovel. His address is 4th Co, 7th Battalion, Syracuse Recruit Camp, Syracuse, N. Y.

Lt. Nathan W. LeGrand was transferred from Camp Gordon Aug. 1st to Camp Perry, Ohio, "Small Arms Firing School, Group 73." He and a bunch of other officers were carried in a special train to this firing school, for a special course of instruction. The camp is an hour's run from Toledo. The range is covered with a beautiful carpet of grass, a thousand yards long and ends in Lake Erie, so that when you shoot the bullets raise no dust but hit the water instead. The beach close by is fine for bathing, a sandy bottom, and one can walk out a hundred yards before the water is over your head.

Our "Soldier" column last week gave extracts from a letter from a Y. M. C. A. transport worker to a Richmond county father, whose son had just been carried across on this man's ship. In the letter the secretary spoke of the hundreds of wounded who from now on would doubtless be brought back on each return voyage, and how acceptable cigarettes, candy and such things would be to these wounded soldiers. No sooner did the Rockingham Red Cross Chapter hear of this than a box containing \$15 worth of cigarettes was expressed to the secretary, with instructions that they be given to the wounded heroes.

Melvin Lowe is also one of the boys on his way across. He is in Co. A, 306th Field Signal, B. N., 81st division, and was one of the 12 sent to Camp Jackson from this county last Sept. 8th.

Lt. Walter Scales came from Camp Wadsworth last Saturday, and will return to camp Sunday. He is in Co. G, 55th Pioneers, and for the past month has done personnel work.

On the sixth column on this page can be seen the names of the 31 white men who left tonight for Camp Wadsworth. Of the 31, 21 are the newly registered 21 year old boys. Also, note that Order Number 1 and 153 are in the lot—the Alpha and Omega of the new registration.

W. N. Everett, Jr., (class 4) and John Cole (over present draft age) have applied for admission into an officers' artillery training camp in Kentucky. They went by Ford to Chapel Hill this morning to consult the Professor of Military Science in order to expedite matters.

Capt. Will Gillespie, Co. I, 118th infantry, 30th division, writes his sister, Mrs. J. A. Harrington, that so far he is un-scathed. His last letter was written July 18th. His division has been in the recent heavy fighting, a fact that Will Gillespie is sure to be glad of. He was a member of the National Guard from Cleraw and was one of those who fought sand flies on the Mexican border before going to France.

Sergeant W. L. Covington, Jr., came Monday to see his parents and sisters; he will return to Americus, Ga., Saturday, where he is in the clerical department of the 615th Aero Squadron, Aviation General Supply Depot, having been transferred from San Antonio, Texas, two weeks ago. William will be 25 Aug. 31st, and signed up at Greensboro last Dec. 10th. He spent Tuesday in Charlotte on business (?).

Stephen Steele, Jr., is not afraid of water. Several weeks ago he was in the surf at Wrightsville Beach. Two young girls nearby were caught by the undertow and realizing their danger they called for help. Stephen was near and effected their rescue, but in doing so sustained some cuts from barnacles surrounding the Seashore hotel pier-posts. He is now in Battery E, 50th regt. Camp Eustis, Va.

W. L. Parsons, Jr., sent the paper a check for a year's subscription the first of the week; he wants the paper to follow him. He is in Co. C, 324th infantry, 81st division, and by now is on the seas. There are 10 Richmond county boys in the company he is in, and he says they are the very best men in the company—all cheerful, willing and determined to do their part over there. He says they are all looking forward to passes in Paris, and later in Berlin.

Robert Waddell, a crack shot in the Marines, was recently issued extra heavy clothing; overcoat lined with fur, boots lined, and thick gloves. This, considered with the announcement made by the War Department last Sunday that the United States and Japan had agreed to send a small force of several thousand men each, to Siberia to act as guard duty and a nucleus around which the true Russian element might rally, causes one to conclude that perhaps our townsmen will shortly be, if not already, enroute across the Pacific to that land where the "bear walks like a man."

A letter from Robert Stansill received today stated that he was placed on board a transport Monday ready to sail, when at the last minute his Captain had him and eleven others of his company removed ashore and placed in a detention hospital, for quarantine for a week. It seems that a member of the company the day before had "flung a fit," and the doctors thinking it might be a symptom of meningitis decided it best to quarantine the twelve who were exposed to it. Robert will be kept in quarantine for a week, and then sent across, rejoining his Battery in France. As he was going on board the transport Monday, a familiar voice called, "Hey, Rube Stansill," and looking up he saw Watt Parsons. So by now Watt is on the high seas.

When our country declared war last year, we were woefully short of rifles and ammunition. Up until the very first of this year the men in camps were drilled with anything that could be picked up in place of a gun. Many criticisms were heard at alleged "inefficiency." But not so now. We now know huge factories had to be built, new models designed and countless other steps taken before ammunition and guns on a quantity basis could be produced.

And now the United States has passed the two-billion mark in the manufacture of small-arms ammunition. Since this country entered the war, and up to July 19th, the total output of cartridges for rifles, pistols, revolvers and machine guns was 2,014,815,584! The daily average output is 15,000,000. The total number of rifles to date is 1,886,769, pistols 217,000, revolvers 169,367.

The production of the Browning machine gun per week now averages 2500 light and 1200 heavy. And the fine showing now being made in gun manufacture is fully equalled by the ship building plants. During June the United States built more ship tonnage than the German submarines destroyed. And each month will witness an increase in ship building. Verily, our munition and ship building plants have struck their "pace."

COMMISSIONERS MEET

County Commissioners in Regular Session Last Monday. J. C. Baldwin Elected Road Supt. Two Sets of Jurors drawn. No Demonstrator Elected. Settles with Sheriff Baldwin.

The county commissioners met last Monday, all five members being present.

W. B. Covington, for 7 years superintendent of the roads, having tendered his resignation, the commissioners elected J. C. Baldwin as superintendent, at a salary of \$100 per month, and an allowance of \$75 a month for expenses. Mr. Baldwin thereupon resigned as chief of police of Rockingham to accept the new position, and is now in charge of the road work of the county. The two county chain gangs were last week consolidated; there are 20 men on the gang now, and 12 mules; a Ford truck has been bought for the work, and a deal is underway for the purchase of a two-ton truck. The force just now is in camp near Colon Williams, and is at work on the Williams-Hamlet road.

The resignation of W. J. Isbell as county demonstration agent was accepted; he became agricultural teacher of the Catawba County Farm Life School at Startown, Oct. 1st. The commissioners decided to make no selection for the present.

It was ordered that J. M. Dockery, J. C. Dockery et al be allowed \$250 for repairing road leading from West Rockingham to the Steele's Mills-Zion road, and for construction of bridge thereon. Provided, the said parties shall pay one-half of maintenance of said road and bridge for three years.

The jurors for the civil term of Superior court that convenes Sept. 2nd, was drawn as follows:

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| A Arenson | R P Nicholson |
| W D McKoy | W H Purser |
| W F Hutchinson | D D McKoy |
| J LeGrand Everett | A W Porter |
| W W Ellerbe | H A Black |
| T M Whitlock | E G Payne |
| H S Ledbetter | A D McLean |
| David Watkins | Callie L Stubbs |
| J L Hutchinson | J T Lowe |
| Furman J McLeod | I B Pittman |
| J W McKenzie | H H Bailey |

The Jury for the criminal term that convenes Sept. 23rd was drawn as follows:

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| D L Wicker | I W Webb |
| T L Maske | R C Cole |
| R L McKenzie | W K Diggs |
| E D Whitlock | L Carter |
| E D Baucom | C S Howell |
| E B Terry | B W Dickerson |
| James Blue | W B McKenzie |
| C J Terry | L S Covington |
| W P Johnson | N J McLaurin |

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| J A Seago | E H Aycock |
| Frank Blacker | G B Goodwin |
| D C McRae | Lee Malloch |
| J L Hawley | L C Sharpe |
| J C Huggins | B C Ellerbe |
| E C Thomas | C V Williams |
| Alex McIntosh | F A Lackey |
| H L Phillips | C H Morrow |
| David Haywood | R H Huntley |

A special school tax election will be held for Ellerbe School District Saturday, Sept. 14th. The full legal notice of this is on page 7, with names of registrar and etc.

Settlement was made with the Sheriff for taxes, as follows:

State taxes charged	\$16,292.73
State taxes collected	\$15,889.24
Insolvents, releases etc	\$403.49
County taxes charged	\$32,526.25
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	1,079.22
Total	\$36,307.79
County taxes collected	\$35,386.07
Insolvents, releases etc	\$921.72
Road taxes charged	\$36,318.44
Road taxes collected	\$35,403.82
Insolvents, releases etc	\$914.62
School taxes charged	\$30,259.10
School taxes collected	\$29,603.99
Insolvents, releases etc	\$655.11
Special school taxes chgd	\$13,994.68
Special school taxes colld	\$13,614.58
Insolvents, releases etc	\$380.10

(Included in the "insolvents, releases etc" are the Polls of all the boys that have gone to the army, both white and col.)

DRAFT NEWS

41 White Men to Camp this Week. 14 Negroes in Next Call. Draft Ages to Be Made 18-45. New Call for 31 Whites to Camp Jackson Last Week in August.

Tuesday night ten white men were sent on the 7:35 train to Camp Hancock, Georgia. A picture was taken before they left, to be published next issue. Also, the pictures made of the two sets of colored men last week will also be published next week. The 10 who went Tuesday, August 6th, were:

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| 342 John Wesley Stutts |
| 777 Pearl Watkins |
| 877 Sam T. Haywood |
| 927 Jas. C. Craven |
| 975 Stephen R. Thrower |
| 993 Stephen J. Fesperman |
| 1039 Frank McAskill |
| 1066 Miles W. Graham |
| 1168 Frank Auman Garrett |
| 1200 China DeBerry |

A new call has been issued for 3,738 colored men to go from this State to Camp Greene during the three-day period beginning August 22nd. Richmond county must furnish 14, Anson 27, Stanly 30, Moore 11, Montgomery 12, Scotland 29. The names of the Richmond county men will be published next week.

Among those who have been given honorable discharge from camps recently, on physical

grounds are: John Wright, from Camp Grant; Talmage Morrison, from Camp Hancock; William Leak and Jerry Grant, from Camp Taylor.

38 white men were ordered to report here this afternoon at 3 o'clock. They were ordered to report an hour earlier than heretofore in order that doctors might look them over. From this number the following 31 were selected, and these will leave Rockingham tonight (Thursday, August 8th) on the 8:37 train for Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg:

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| 1291 Wm. Claud Robinson |
| 1421 Clarence H. Hedgpeth |
| 1426 Henry Rainwaters |
| 1631 Neal Dockery Hicks |
| 1675 Arthur Baxter Green |
| 1820 Edwin J. Kelly |
| 1815 Lewis T. Nance |
| 2209 Jno. Robert Hines |
| 2241 Colon A. McFayden |
| 2301 Pleasant Long, Jr. |
| 1 Homer F. Wilson |
| 8 John B. Gibson |
| 22 Claude B. McFayden |
| 26 Willie C. McDonald |
| 29 Joseph F. Hutchinson |
| 46 Lathie Jas. McInnis |
| 51 Joseph B. Garner |
| 57 Summie Richardson |
| 61 Eli English |
| 63 Jas. R. Misenheimer |
| 78 Augustus M. Rankin |
| 82 Lonnie P. Billingsley |
| 89 T. B. Morgan |
| 111 Jason Webster Dunn |
| 113 James Fincher Thomas |
| 118 Wm R. Phillips |
| 119 Claude Garrett Pankey |
| 129 Bill Jones |
| 136 Lester C. Lovin |
| 145 Barney Sylvan Carriker |
| 153 Dorsey Smith |

Draft Ages.

A bill was introduced in Congress last Monday changing the draft ages from 21-31 to 18-45. Congress will reconvene Aug. 19th, and it is certain that the law will be speedily passed. The plan is to have the new registration on Sept. 5th, so that the draft calls for October, November and December can be met from the new age limits. It is estimated that 601,236 fighters will be secured between 32 and 45, and 1,797,609 class one men from 18 to 21, making a total class one men of 2,398,845 by means of the new registration. The total number to register will be about 13,000,000. The department will hold back the boys of 18 and 19 to the very last.

New Call.

The Department issued a new call Wednesday for 4,500 white N. C. men to Camp Jackson during the five-day period beginning August 26th. When this call is completed, the total number of registrants called from this State will exceed 50,000. Richmond county must furnish 31 on this new call, Anson 49, Moore 39, Montgomery 68, Stanly 100, Scotland 8.

"Tomorrow" The only thing in the world that never arrives.

"Yesterday is utterly over with—Time is the only thing in this life which can be completely destroyed. To-day is yours but tomorrow belongs to the man behind. Never in all the million years of its history has this secretive old universe displayed such riches, so many generous opportunities as NOW—Wake your self, shake your self and DO. The most terrific Century of all is here. Share It!"

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OCTAVIA S. SCALES, Asst. Cashier.

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